

I-5 – South King County Projects Update

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Federal Way I-5 Lane and Shoulder Closures

Northbound I-5, Monday through Thursday nights (May 23-26), Highway 161 to Military Road

pavement grinding, joint sealing

- Up to three lanes will be closed each night, beginning at 6 p.m. All northbound lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. each morning.

Southbound I-5, Monday through Wednesday nights (May 23-25), Military Road to the Pierce County line

realigning southbound I-5 lanes (weather dependent), joint sealing

- Three lanes will be closed each night, beginning at 7 p.m. All southbound lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. each morning.

On-ramp from Highway 18 to southbound I-5, Tuesday night (May 24)

realigning southbound I-5 lanes – weather dependent

- The ramp will be closed from 9 p.m. Tuesday to 5 a.m. Wednesday. A signed detour will direct drivers to the southbound I-5 on-ramp from eastbound Highway 18, via 16th Avenue and Highway 99.

Drivers should expect **daytime I-5 shoulder closures** from S. 320th to the Pierce County Line while crews finish installing high visibility fence and silt fence, and perform electrical and drainage work.

Construction Update: I-5 - S. 317th HOV Direct Access **Military Road South to South 320th Street**

S. 317th bridge – Crews have placed tendons (stranded cable) in the bridge girder ducts. Last week, workers used hydraulic jacks to pull the tendons taut and placed grout in the ducts. We also began removing falsework (temporary construction supports) from the bridge. We completed

pouring concrete for the large retaining wall in the median south of the S. 317th bridge. This wall will help support one of the new direct access ramps.

Mainline I-5, Military Road to S. 320th – On southbound I-5 near the S. 320th exit, crews laid asphalt base and set up the paving machine for the concrete roadway. Crews have completed pavement grinding on northbound and southbound I-5 and are continuing other pavement improvements (dowel bar retrofit, spall repair, and joint sealing).

Please visit our Web site to view the [latest I-5 - S. 317th construction photos](#).

Construction Update: I-5 HOV Widening South 320th Street to the King/Pierce County Line

This week, we'll shift southbound I-5 traffic between S. 320th and the Pierce County Line slightly away from the median to make room for HOV lane construction. This will require nighttime lane and ramp closures (see above). The work involves re-stripping the lanes, which is weather-dependent, so rain could postpone these closures.

We're still clearing and excavating for new detention ponds in the project area. Poor weather last week delayed crews placing high visibility fence and silt fence, so we'll finish that this week. In the inside (far left) lane of northbound I-5, we're grinding pavement between Highway 18 and S. 320th this week. And we'll be installing electrical conduit under ramps at the Highway 18 interchange.

For more project information, please visit our [I-5 HOV Widening Web site](#).

Memorial Day Weekend Travel

Next Monday, May 30, we observe Memorial Day. This weekend marks the unofficial start of the summer vacation travel season. A little planning can help make your holiday weekend safe and enjoyable. We encourage you to check out [travel information](#) on our Web site before departing.

Whenever possible, we avoid construction closures around holidays to accommodate travelers. Most crews will stop work by noon on Friday, May 27 and resume on Tuesday morning, May 31. This includes the projects on I-5 in Federal Way. Enjoy your holiday!

Gray Notebook Update

If you're traveling on Memorial Day weekend, you may use a safety rest area along the freeway. Did you know WSDOT operates 43 of these rest areas statewide? You can learn more about them in the [Gray Notebook](#), our quarterly accountability report. We report on condition, use, customer satisfaction, and security of safety rest areas. There is an interesting section on CPTED, or Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, which uses the design of facilities and the surrounding landscape as a tool to reduce or prevent criminal activities.

Visit the [Gray Notebook](#) to read about many other WSDOT issues as well, including an update on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge project and information on water conservation activities. To comment on the Gray Notebook, you can e-mail Daniela Bremmer, Director of Strategic Assessment, at bremmed@wsdot.wa.gov or Transportation Secretary Doug MacDonald at MacDonD@wsdot.wa.gov.

Seattle I-5 Weekend Pavement Replacement

Crews planned to complete pavement replacement on southbound I-5 through downtown Seattle this spring, but wet weather has bumped the construction into summer. This work requires four

weekends of dry weather to remove and replace worn out pavement between Olive Way and James Street and near the Dearborn Street exit. Crews completed the first weekend of construction on April 25. Wet weather postponed construction on five weekends, April 1-4, April 15-18, April 29-May 2, May 13-16, and May 20-23.

Crews will not work on Memorial Day weekend (May 27-30), or on the weekend of June 3-6. The next scheduled weekend of work is June 10-13. For the latest information on this project, please visit the [James to Olive paving project Web site](#). There you can also sign up for e-mail updates specific to I-5 in Seattle and Shoreline.

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

Tune your radio to **AM 1520** to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail Laura Johnson at JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov.

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